for grant of licence for manufacture of FAX machines in the new electronic city at Goa;

(b) whether any assurance was given by Government for the said licence to augment the rent in view of the new State; and

(c) if so, what is the present position of this matter and by when it would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A decision is likely to be taken soon.

Research by the NCL, Pune to control Mosquitos menace

1687. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Research made by the National Chemical Laboratory, Pune for control of Mosquitos lorbicide in the country under various assistance programme; and whether such research technology has been commercially transferred with details;

(b) whether National Chemical Laboratory, Pune and any other laboratory has developed indigenous technology, on turnkey basis, for manufacturing of ABATE technical, a Board controlled Mosquitos Lasnicide; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether technical ABATE is being produced in the country for its presently being imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The National Chemical Laboratory, Pune has under a UNDP assisted programme developed controlled release formulation of ABATE Mosquito Larvicide. Resarch results would be commercially applicable only after the afficacy and safety of the formulations developed has been established.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per available information, technical ABATE is presently being imported.

Foreign Collaboration in Space Programme

1688. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposals under Government"s cosideration to seek foreign collaboration in space research; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any assistance in the offing in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) India has already signed a number of agreemen's of foreign collaboration in Space Research with several countries. The details of these collaborative agreements are given in the Department of Space's Annual Report 1988-89 and Performance Budget 1989-90, copies of which are already available in the Parliament Library. The following collaborative agreements have been signed during 1988-89;

(i) Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Soviet Socialist Republics on long term cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

(ii) Agreement between Government of India and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of Scientific and Technical cooperation in the field of meteorological and upper atmospheric research using space techniques.

(iii) Agreement signed between Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Deutsche Forschungsanstalt Fur Luft-Unc Raumfahrt (DLR), West Genrmany on current and new thrusts of collaborative efforts between the two organisations on peaceful uses of outer space in the areas of space sciences, Technology and Applications.

(b) In collaborative arrangements with different countries, research projects are carried out jointly with complementary efforts. While there are ongoing collaborative activities with several countries, there is no formal offer of assistance from any foreign country for space research projects.

Foreign assistance in Ocean Development

1689. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the countries which are assisting India in Ocean Development;

(b) what is the nature of assistance and what are the proposals for foreign assistance under consideration; and

(c) whether any negotiations are in the offing in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Oceanographic Research Vessel Sagar Kanya and Fishery Oceanographic Research Vessel Sagar Sampada have been procured by the Department of Ocean Development under Soft Loan assistance extended by the Government of Federal Republic of Germany and Denmark, respectively.

(c) Negotiations are underway to procure a coastal oceanographic research vessel with the Soft Loan assistance to be made available by the Government of Denmark.

1690. [*Transferred to the 10th August 1989*].

Completion of civil construction work of Department of Telecommunications

1691. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the civil construction programmes for different needs of the telecommunications department throughout the country are lagging behind the target dates for their completion;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result of delay most of the exchange development programmes for telephones are also being delayed;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) the details of jobs completed during the past three years and of those undertaking during the period and are still on the process of completion; and

(e) the efforts proposed to be made to expedite the ongoing jobs and to maintain schedules pertaining to completion time and date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Telephone exchange equipment supply programme is planned to match with the availability of the exchange building. Hence development of telephone system does not suffer because of buildings.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) Regular monitoring of all on-going works is being done to maintain schedules pertaining to completion time and date.